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FOR ELLSWORTH FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS IN US-YUGOSLAV MILITARY RELATIONS

1. PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT TITO AND REMARKS WHILE IN YUGOSLAVIA HAVE GENERATED NEW MOMENTUM FOR DEVELOPMENT US-YUGOSLAV MILITARY RELATIONS. YOUR VISIT AND THOSE OF SECRETARY MCLUCAS AND GENERAL PATTON ALSO MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPENING NEW ERA.

2. NOW TIME HAS COME TO GIVE CONCRETE MEANING TO EXPRESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF DESIRE FOR CLOSER CONTACTS. WE HAVE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR VISITS, TRAINING AND TECHNICAL BRIEFINGS. I NOTE IN PASSING THAT YUGOSLAV INVITATION TO JIM SCHLESINGER STILL OUTSTANDING BUT I WILL WANT TO ADDRESS THIS SEPARATELY AND AT FUTURE DATE.

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3. A. FOLLOWING PROPOSAL PERTAINS TO JCS:

(1) EARLY AND FAVORABLE ACTION ON DAO REQUEST THAT COL GEN STANE POTOVAR BE INCLUDED ON CJCS FOREIGN VISITOR PROGRAM FOR FY-76 (SEE DAO 0284 DTG 301545Z MAY 75).

B. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED ACTIVITIES PERTAIN PRIMARILY TO U.S. ARMY ACTIVITIES:

(1) INVITATION TO EITHER COL GEN STANE POTOVAR OR COL GEN DUSAN PEKIC (CHIEF OF THE GEN STAFF FOR GROUND FORCES) AS A GUEST OF CSA (DA VIP TOURS PROGRAM). NAME OF COL GEN POTOVAR WAS SUBMITTED BY MSG 25 NOV 74. (THIS IS A 10-DAY TOUR OF THE U.S. AND ITS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS).

(2) INVITATION TO A "GROUND FORCES TECHNICAL TEAM" (THIS COULD BE INCLUDED IN (1) ABOVE) TO VISIT U.S. ARMY R&D CENTERS, PRODUCTION CENTERS AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO OBSERVE, INSPECT AND ANALYZE U.S. ARMY EQUIPMENT IN THE AREAS OF: ARTILLERY WEAPONS, FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS AND AMMUNITION; AT WEAPONS AND SYSTEMS; AAA WEAPONS AND SYSTEMS; GROUND FORCES COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS.

(3) EXPANDING OFFERS OF QUOTAS TO THE FOLLOWING ARMY SCHOOLS: (A) BRANCH OFFICER ADVANCED COURSES (INF, ARTY, ARMOR, ETC.); (B) ARMY WAR COLLEGE OR EQUIVALENT.

(4) AN INVITATION FOR A TEAM OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO REVIEW AND OBSERVE FACILITIES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF AMMUNITION AND BOMBS. THE YUGOSLAVS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PRODUCTION MACHINERY AND TOOLING.

C. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED ACTIVITIES PERTAIN TO AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES:

(1) TO INVITE LT COL GEN CEMALOVIC AND A TECHNICAL TEAM TO VISIT THE U.S. WITH THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:
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(A) WASH DC - MEET WITH AF LEADERS; BRIEF ON FMS PROGRAM; BRIEF ON WEAPONS SYSTEM SELECTION PROCESS; BRIEF ON "LIFE CYCLE COSTING".

(B) HILL AFB - BRIEFING ON VARIOUS BOMBS, CBU, ETC.; TOUR OF THE ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING LAB; BRIEF ON MODERN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED

PROCESSING CAPABILITY; TOUR AND BRIEF OF THE LOGISTIC SYSTEMS TO INCLUDE: REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION; NEW AFLC COMPUTERIZED RESUPPLY SYSTEM; TOUR OF SMALL PARTS AUTOMATED DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; MAVERICK MISSILE BRIEFING,

(C) NORAD- COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO - BRIEFING ON EQUIPMENT USED IN TARGET ACQUISITION, COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM; TOUR OF NORAD FACILITIES AT CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN.

(2) CONTINUED INVITATIONS TO THE AIR FORCE COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE AND INVITATIONS TO THE AIR WAR COLLEGE WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES.

(3) IDENTIFICATION AND USE OF MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES. DAO BELGRADE HAS OFFERED THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES CORRESPONDENCE COURSE TO THE YUGOSLAV MILITARY. WE ARE AWAITING WORD AT THIS TIME. SUCH COURSES AS THE SQUADRON OFFICER CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, AIR WAR COLLEGE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE APPEAR TO BE WANTED.

(4) TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSE ATTENDANCE SUCH AS PHOTO-INTERPRETER (BASIC) AT LOWERY.

(5) TO INVITE A SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER TO BRIEF AND EXPLAIN YUGOSLAV CONCEPTS OF DEFENSE AT A SENIOR MILITARY COLLEGE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FORUM IN THE USA.

(6) TO SEND AN AF DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM AND APPROPRIATE TOPICS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONTACT THE YUGOSLAVS AND DETERMINE THEIR DESIRES.

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D. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES PERTAIN TO NAVY ACTIVITIES:

(1) CNO VISIT AT MUTUALLY AGREED TIME - INFORMAL NOTIFICATION ALREADY RECEIVED.

(2) TO SEND YUGOSLAV NAVAL OFFICERS TO NAVAL WAR COLLEGE - INFORMAL INVITATION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE AMBASSADOR.

(3) EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF YUGOSLAV NAVAL OFFICERS OR EXPERTS COMING TO THE U.S. TO EITHER VISIT OR STUDY IN THE AREAS OF HYDROFOIL DESIGN, JET WATER PROPULSION, UNDER-WATER DETECTION AND MINE SWEEPING, AS THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE REQUESTED.

(4) INVITE ADM MAMULA TO ATTEND SEA POWER SYMPOSIUM
IN FY-76.

4. (C) THIS IS A RATHER LARGE AND COMPREHENSIVE LIST
AND WE DO NOT EXPECT APPROVAL OF EACH ITEM. BUT WE
NEED AN EARLY INDICATION OF WHICH ONES WE CAN PURSUE
WITH THE YUGOSLAVS.
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